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**South Florida Water Management District
Regulatory Peer Review Forum
December 17, 2004
10am - noon**

SUMMARY

Attendees:

Jay Foy Stormwater J Engineering, Inc.
Patrick Martin Lake Worth Drainage District
Tracy Robb Calvin-Giordano
Fred Roth Schoran & Associates, Inc.
Gerry Ward Ward Engineering
Ed Weinberg EW Consultants, Inc.
Alan Wertepny Mock Roos
John Yeend Consultant
Damon Meiers SFWMD - Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Anne Roth SFWMD- Environmental Resource Information Management Division
Tony Waterhouse SFWMD – Environmental Resource Surface Water Division
Rhonda Wise SFWMD – IT Applications Division

1. Opening remarks and review of previous meeting minutes (Damon Meiers)

Mr. Meiers opened the meeting at about 10:10 am. There were no comments about the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Meiers stated that item 2 on the agenda, Stormwater Division Description, scheduled for this meeting was being postponed to a future meeting. Other changes to the agenda were as follows: Item 4 on the agenda was moved up to item 2.

Mr. Meiers made the following District announcements:

- Bob Brown was appointed the new ERR Director and Terrie Bates was promoted to Assistant Deputy Executive Director. Terrie is temporarily located in B2 2nd floor and will be moving to the 3rd floor of B2 once room becomes available.
- Henry Dean will be retiring in June
- Board will soon have a new member, Beverly Grady.

The following issues were raised:

- Mr. Martin raised concerns regarding Valencia Shore Homes: operable gates, and reclaimed water. Mr. Waterhouse stated that other utilities have found minimal problems with reclaimed water for irrigation and other use. The primary difference between drinking water and reclaimed water was the higher level of nutrients. Mr. Ward stated that DEP

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issued a consent order this year to Biscayne Coastal Wetlands stopping them from using deep well injection. Mr. Ward distributed a DEP Notice of Public Workshop, which will be held January 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. ([Attachment 1](#)). The purpose of the workshop is to discuss and receive comments from interested individuals regarding the proposed revisions to 36 human health-based surface water quality criteria in rule 62-302.530 FAC using a new fish and shellfish consumption rate. Mr. Martin stated that water quality discharges of reclaimed water into surface water management systems still needs some work. Mr. Waterhouse responded that it depends on the quality of the water being discharged. Phosphorus concentrations are supposed to be 40/50 PPM. West Palm Beach wetlands reuse project is meeting phosphorus concentration of 20 PPBs. Mr. Martin is concerned that high levels of nutrients in reclaimed water is being added to lake systems that discharge to canals where extensive efforts are underway to reduce nutrient levels.

2. E-Permitting Demonstration - Rhonda Wise

Ms. Rhonda Wise distributed an ePermitting Initiation and Planning Phase Project Status handout ([Attachment 2](#)). The handout outlined the following items:

- Project Scope
- Permit Types
- Quick Wins Identified
- Planned Accomplishments
- Team Members

Ms. Wise outlined the project and described the above project scope.

Mr. Meiers stated that they will be looking for a few volunteers to test the system.

Ms. Wise stated that St. Johns has the software developed and it is up and running.

Challenges identified:

- Board of Engineers – still require the electronic seal procedure. Also, every document must be kept for three years.

General discussion ensued regarding signed and sealed documents and submittal of plans and drawings.

3. C-51 Basin Study Update/C-51 Basin Rulemaking Update (Damon Meiers)

Mr. Meiers reported on the C-51 Basin Rule. STA-1E construction is being worked on. Operation is still on hold from DEP. No date has been set when STA-1E will be on-line. It was

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used during the hurricanes. An interim guidance memo was provided to District Permitting Staff and the distribution list for the Peer Review group describing how existing conditions model results can be used for permits within the C-51 Basin until the C-51 Basin Rule is amended.

General discussion ensued regarding current rules that require new projects be designed so they do not contribute to the impairment of an impaired water body and the difficulty this adds to permitting.

4. Scripps Update (Damon Meiers)

Mr. Meiers gave a brief update on the Scripps project. The ERP for the Mecca Site was presented at the August Governing Board meeting with a recommendation for approval. The permit was challenged. Governing Board made its recommendation at the December 8th meeting to move forward with the permit. Modification to construct roadways for Seminole Pratt and Biotech Highway was discussed as well as a modification to construct the first three buildings on the Scripps Research Institute parcel. Mr. Meiers stated that because of public interest the general permits will be taken to the Governing Board in January 2005.

5. Next Meeting date/topics/adjournment

- Carla Palma will be invited to attend a future Peer Review meeting.
- Attendees asked that pervious pavement/retrofitting, use of underground storage/water quality issues are discussed again at the next meeting.
- Mr. Ward also asked the permit review efficiency be addressed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2005, at 10am in the Rogers Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:30 A.M.

c: H. Dean - Executive Director
C. Wehle - Assistant Executive Director
S. Wood - District General Counsel
C. Merriam - Deputy Executive Director - Water Resources
A. Sewell - Media and Community Relations
T. Bates - Assistant Deputy Executive Director Water Resources
B. Brown - Director - Environmental Resource Regulation

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